THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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Tuesday, the 5th April 1955.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St George. at eleven of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Protected water-supply and underground drainage schemes for municipalities in Ramanathapuram district.

* 269 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of municipalities in Ramanathapuram district which have at present protected water-supply and underground drainage;

(*b*) when the underground drainage scheme for the Virudhunagar Municipality was sanctioned, and whether it has been completed;

(*c*) whether there is any proposal for a comprehensive scheme of protected water-supply for Rajapalayam, Sivakasi, Srivilliputhur and Virudhunagar Municipalities; and

(*d*) if so, the estimated cost of the same?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Two municipalities in the district have protected water-supply schemes. No municipality in the district has a drainage scheme.

" (*b*) No scheme has been sanctioned.

" (*c*) & (*d*) A protected water-supply scheme for Srivilliputhur is under execution and its estimated cost is Rs. 15·7 lakhs. The schemes for Virudhungar and Rajapalayam are in the stage of investigation and the cost of those schemes cannot be furnished now. A scheme is yet to be investigated for Sivakasi."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" May I know whether there is a restricted drainage scheme sanctioned for Virudhunagar Municipality and if so, why has it not been taken up and completed? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A restricted water-supply and drainage scheme for Virudhunagar has been drawn up."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" A comprehensive drainage scheme for Virudhunagar was sanctioned some ten years back. May I know the priority assigned to this scheme? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The drainage scheme for Virdhunagar may probably be taken up in the second Five-Year Plan period."

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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Is it not a fact that the Government of Madras have always been promising that all municipalities in the State will have protected water-supply and also drainage schemes? But still I think 90 out of 100 municipalities in the State do not have either protected water-supply or drainage schemes."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" We have four water-supply schemes in operation. Improvements are in progress for 12 water-supply schemes. New schemes are under execution in eight municipalities. New schemes are under investigation in six municipalities. New schemes have yet to be taken up in fourteen municipalities. As regards drainage schemes, some schemes are in operation. Drainage facilities require improvement in nine municipalities. Schemes are under execution in seven municipalities and some of them have been partially executed. Schemes are under design or investigation in six municipalities. New schemes have yet to be taken up in the remaining municipalities."

SRI ALEXANDER GNANAMUTTU :—" What is the usual time taken for the execution of a water-supply scheme? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It depends upon the scheme."

SRI ALEXANDER GNANAMUTTU :—" Does it usually take many years for the execution of a scheme? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Some times it may. Now, we are having an accelerated scheme for water-supply in several municipalities."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" A restricted drainage scheme for Virudhunagar was sanctioned in the year 1944 and the whole amount sanctioned has been placed at the disposal of the department by the Municipality as and when asked. But still the scheme has not yet been completed. May I ask the Hon. Minister whether the delay is due to the separation of the Sanitary Engineering work from the Chief Engineer? If so, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to expedite the scheme without further delay? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The investigation and execution of schemes may be rather slow on account of various factors, viz., want of money, want of materials, want of staff, etc. But now all those difficulties are being overcome and I expect that in future the schemes will be expedited."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" Will the Government take up the question of formulating a comprehensive scheme for all the municipalities, viz., Rajapalayam, Srivilliputhur, and Sivakasi so that there may be continuous supply of water to all these municipalities which are facing drought every year? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" For Rajapalayam a supplemental investigation has been sanctioned. For Srivilliputhur, I have already stated that the work is nearing completion. For Sivakasi there is no protected water-supply scheme in operation and investigation will be taken up in its turn in the priority list."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Is there any truth in the belief of the people that these underground drainages are responsible for typhoid in those areas? "

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Exactly opposite."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Underground drainage schemes cannot be responsible for typhoid. It is bad water that is responsible."

Extension of educational fee concessions to the children of peons in aided institutions.

* 270 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to extend the educational fee concessions given to the children of teachers and clerks to the children of peons in aided institutions; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Free education to the children of all persons having an income of Rs. 1,200 and below per annum is proposed to be introduced from 1955–56. All cases mentioned by the hon. Member will be covered by this concession."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Will Government kindly extend this concession so that children of peons may get free education from Forms IV to VI? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, there are very many other cases also which will have to be considered. We have gone to the extent possible just now."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" As only peons in aided institutions have been left out and peons in local body institutions and Government institutions are getting the concession and in view of the fact that the Government have come forward boldly to help the poor children in respect of education, will the Government kindly consider this case also because the cost will be low? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" What about the peons and other poor persons in other walks of life? We have to take into consideration every poor person. That is why without any consideration of categories we have just now introduced free scholarship for children of all persons coming within the income-group of Rs. 1,200. We shall consider further concessions later on."